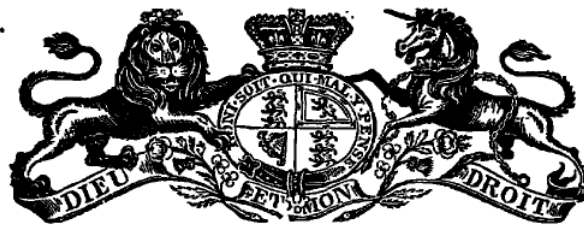


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War Office, February 8, 1901.

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4. In reecording my high appreciation of the oondnet of all **ranks** doring thia inemorale siege, I desire cordially to Support Hajor-General Baden-Powell's recommendationa on behalt ob thoea serving nnd8r hiB orders, and the civilianß and otherß who co-operated witi him in the maintenance of order, and in bhe Oare of 4be sick und wonnded.

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ROBEETd, Field- srs6s\$
Lommnaiding-in-Chief,
South Africa.

ÜrobA Major-OßDeyal Baden-Powell, Gommsnd-ing at JYfaking, to the Ghief Pstab Offieer So fozd Roberta.

Mafeking,

Ihr Loao, 18tb stay, 1900.

I ifAYE the hononr to forward herewith nfff report on the airge of Mafeking by Sire Boers, froza 13tb October, 1899, to 17tb 3fpjr, 1900, for the information of hia Ezcellency the Field-3falzhal Eiommanding in Month Africa.

I have, &c.

R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL,
ätajor Oeneral.

'Pable of Contents.

Part I.—Narmtive of the aiege.

Part II.—Minor pointa connected with the Biege.

Part III.—Engagements with euemy

Part IV.—Recommelidation of Officers and otRors.

I. -Itésom4 o1 Roportoo die Biege of Hnfeking.

I arrived in the beginning of August in Rhoeaia. with order

1. 'So reise two rogimen4s of bfonnted Infantry.

2. In the erenß of war, to organize the defenom of the Rhoeaia and Bechnanaland frontierß.

3. As far an posaible, to keep foroee of the enemy occupied in thia direction away from their own main forces.

I had the trwo regiments raised, equipped, anplied, and ready for service by 4he end of September.

A8 war beeam **imminent**, I asw that my force would be Zoo weak 4o eifeot mech il scattered along 1;he whole bordr (500 milea), unless it were reinforced with some men and guod guna. E reported thia, but aa none wsre available I decided 'to ooncentrate my two columns at 'Puli und öfafeking respectirely, as being the desirable pointa to bold.

Of the two, Mafeking seemed the more importan4 tor many reasouB, atrategicul and political—

1. Becanse it i8 töte outpost Vor) imberley and Cape Colony.

2' blau, eqnallji, .for. Aha—PJotehtorate an Rhodesia.

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5. Tt. oontains **important railway stocks and ahops.**

6. &I801Brgäto0dand-Sola Bopptie#.' . °' he'e:tore I leff the norfhezn eolufah in eharge of Golonel Plnmer, and wem myae,}t.fa öfafeking, and orgiinized itB'defence.

Mafeking.

öfsfeking i8 an open town, 1,000 **yards square**; in open undulating eountry, on 4he north bank of the öfolopo stream. Eight miles from the 'Er&naV8al border. WhitB popnlabion & lofft 1,000.

'Ehe native **Stadt** lisa } **mile** sont.h-weat, dnd cooteirs 6,00() io5sbimzits

Oefeoce 'ozce.

700 whites, ot whom **20 were** luiperial **Army**, remainder **Protectorate** Regiment, Britiah Sooth Africa Police, Cape Police, and Deohoanalimd Rißes (Yolnnteera). These were used to man the **forts and outwork-s.**

300 able-bodied towasmeo eozotJed aa tow guard. Employed to giun'iaon the toyn itself.

300 nativen enrolled ac ea4tle gua.rds, watoh-men, police, &c.

ffalf the defendera were armed **with L.M.**, half with)Yf.H. ri&es, with 600 zounts yer riße.

'total Numbers.

Mbfismer, 1,074; whüewome%2S9; w5} children, 405; natises, 7,500.

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'To this omaoseat rve offerwe.zds adüed " One 6-ponndsr öf.L. old Bhip'a gop, dge 16-pounder **M.L. howitser** (made in one own ahops).

I had two armonred enginea promised fr9 i K.imberley. I had ai noured trooks made at Bnlawayo and JYfaking. One eogine **arrived**, tke otAermsecoGo&enrouteby*he enemyagd oapturBd at Kraaipan.

7be giege.

On 4he 13th October the aiege began.

Oeziezal Czonje with aa away of 8,000 Bob and 10 g«as, zoost of tbezo ob otoüera pattarzz and power, auronnded the plane.

On the approach ot the enemy we aallied odt and, in a aharp little engagemen4, dealt them ä aevere bIow, by which they loat 53 lrilled and many more wonnded, and which had a lasting moral sBeot.

During the first phase of the aiege, October and November, General Cronje made varitina attempts to **take** 4he place. **These** attanka'wa best off withonb diäicnlty in eryery **caee**; ääd reaponded **by sorties, rarying their nature** eUy time as far ne possible, and making them-gp sndden and ao quickly withdrawn as not to ä the **-enemy's** sopporta time to some up and orarpower us. Df These "kieka" we deliveied half-a-dozen, on 14th, 17th, 20th, 25tß, 27ili, 3lat October, and 7th Noreiqbez (the Boëza quote l4, bob they include douionatrntioaa **and** ahelling ob dnmmy fortä, gaus, and armonred trncks, <Yc., which we put up to draw **t2ieii** fire).

The enemy's loases in thia period wem very **heavy as compared with** OT&B-

Boera' 1osaes—287 killed, 800 wounded."

Our loaees—35 killed, 101 a•onnded, S7 missing.

Cronje liafing load a month of **valnable** time at Mafekinp, now gare np the idea of taking **the place** by storzn, and moved of BOnth for **Kimberley** With 4,000 men and 11 grins (leaving Oeneral SnyiDan With the remainder, Liz., 3,000 to 4,000 men and aiz guns, inclnding a 94-founder aiege gun) to inveat ns.

Seeing then that we could not be relieved for msny **weeks**, if not months, I took ower into our own management all details arch ae hospital, municipality, police, treasnry, post and telegrapJn, rtuilwBy, nabire aBarrs, n'ater supplys, ordaaoce abopa, &c.

I n2ao took over all food, forage, liqoor atores, and natire snpplee, be., and pnt everybody on rations.

I had disposed my garrison over what some OF ZDy Oalcers considered a rather extended perimeter (about 5 or 8 milea), but everything was n.named for drawing in onr horns ii neoes-sexy. T-However, in the event we were able to maintain one original position, and even further **to extend** it as beoame **necessary**.

The next phase lasted 3 months, November to January, during which Bnjrman pushed his works aaid trenches nearer to the placs.

He alao drew a cordon of natives around the wltole.

His artillery kept up a con4innal bombavdtzteztz osz tbe to'n'zt.

On our part, dwing **January, February**, and Uarnh, we pns)xed out counter-works, and gradually gained point after point of ground till we obtained grading for our live atock, and finally (**after** a hard tnaasl in the "Brickfielda," in drenching and counter•trenching up to witlin 70 **yardu** of the **eaeay's wo •Jza**), wa drove tbea back at all pointa out of range for riBe fire of **the town**.

During this period, owing to the careful and systematic ahnrp-shooting of oui• men, the **enemy's** loaees continued to be largely in **ezceas** of oura. t0 per month killecl was admitted by the **Boer zaedical olBcer**.

In April the enemjr withdrew the siege gun, n.nd contented themselves with inrestitig us at a diaaoce, and sbelliog oar cattle in l\ie bope of **starving** us into submission.

On lbs IS*R hay {As enemg mozde a bold night attack on the plaoc, and Bneceeded in getting into the **Stadt** with their storming party, but we beat back their auppovts and surrounded the remainder, indicting on them n **IOBB O\$** 70 killed and wounded, and 108 priaonera, including Eloff their commandant (grandson of President Krnger).

In the meantime, Colonel Plnmer had near 'fnli presented a force of Boers from invndng Bamboeaud fmm tAe smu*b. afar %e, **retreat** the riaing of the rirer made l.the border comparatively safe, and I called him down to defend the **railway** and the Protectorate border (which were already being held by a amall force organized from Bulawayo by Golonel Nicholson).

Colonel Plumer accordingly pnahed down the line, repairing it tci within 40 milea of 3/tafeking, and pushing back the enemjr who had been holding if. Pte then eatablied himself in a good position 3* miles noi•th-west of us, where he waa in touch bjr means of runners and **pigoonB**, wsa able to chord refuge to our na-

* There numbers are quot3d from 'Pransrnal news• papen, but must, I think, be exaggerated. I think that what 800 titled anct rounded would be nearer the mark.

tiveB escaping out, and lie waa also able to put a atop to enemy's depredations and to give secztzity to the ztatiyes throughboot tote Protee• **torata**, bis **Moree betng too eotall to egect aoce** It\1 veio:fomed. Bis **presenoa eaafile3 oe to get** rid of nesrly P,000 notire women and children, **wliiob** zxtoteriafly ye\ieyed tbe Bta•aia oa ooh fuo;•t **supply**.

Each izt Iday, Pte was **reinfor0etl** by GaztadiAzt Artillei•y and Queensland Infantry, be., and on 15th he joined hands with a\ relief column from the eonth nnder Colonel Mah•in.

And, on the 17th flay, 4he relief of âfafeking was successfully elected by 4he combined columns, after e aiege of iils days.

One of the most noticeable **featnres** of the long and trying aiege haa been the loyalty, patience, and good feeling which have prerailed throughout the oommonify, civil, military, and native. The ateadinesa and gallantry of the ti•oops in action, and their cheerfnl acceptance of havdehipa, are beyond praaie.

The ladiea, and especially those who acted as nnraes in the hospita.la, displayed the **greatest** patience and fortitude.

Resumé or Poin4s gained by the Rhodesias

Frontier Force.

(Octobe, 1899, {o May, 1900)

I.—Ab Mafeking.

1. A home of 8,000 Boers and 10 grins was **contained at the first outbi•eak of war**, and prevented from either combining with the 'Puli column, and invading Rhodesia, or joining the forcea against K.imlierley. Gronje's commando was thna held here for a month.

2. **Prom 2,000 to 3,000** Boars and eight guns (including a 94-ponnder) svere kept employed bese for oyer 6 otontbe.

3. The enemy expended considerably over 100 tons of amnnition, and Josh over 1,000 men killed and wounded, and **had four guns** disabled and one captured.

4. Large stox'es of food and forage, and genera.l stoeks, were yreventeét frooz fatlug into the onemy'a htnds.

5. Valuable railroad plant-, including 18 loco-**motives, rolling stock, shops, coal, &c., were saved**.

6. Refuge was given to n lai•ge number of British from the 'Pransvaal.

7. Moat of the local neighbouring tribea, rind all those ol the protectoi•ate and South bfate-beleland, remained loya , which they euuld not have continued to do had 6fafeking fallen arid they been at the mercy of the Boera.

8. Loas of prestige to Gronje'a force, who had apparently expected to ta)re possession at onr.e on firat arrival, tend had httd proclamation printed annexing the district to the Sonth African Republic.

9. Eloff and 108 Boers and foreigners zriade prisoners of war.

II.—The Rhodesian Column.

Dni•inp• the some period the northern portion of my force under Colonel Homer (in spite of ita amall numbers and the exceptionally diifioult coonti•y and trying climate in u'hioh it srae operating) succeeded—

1. In holding and sending back the enemy in their attempt to invade Rhodesia, vi£ Tuli.

S. In holding the Bulawzyo railw8@ **TOP BOMO** 200 miles south of the Rhodesian border.

3. In giring direc•b aupport£ and protection to the natives in Khoma'a and Linchwe's doeiaine, and Bathoen'a and the Protectorate genexully ashen threatened by the enemy.

4. In pushing down and repairing the **railway in the face a/ 4be ezzezajr to witkin 40 zatlea**

of ötafeking, and there eatablishing a place of security for oni• nativea eescaping from bfafe-king, and collecting supplier ready to eBect ooi• relief of Bafeking on arrival of i•einforce-mente.

III.—'the Palapye Golumn.

A small colnmn organised by Elolonel Niuholflon, from Bnlawayo, with armoured traina, &c., held bfangwe, Pslapye, Rochudi, ., Onihä FBüway uotü PloinefisCotuEDn wB9 available for the dutjr.

'Pbe whole of the frontie• force, north and south columns combincd, numbered under 1,700, while the Boers dnring Alle e•rly part of £Reoarnpaign Aalbe*ween 9,000 and 10,000 ont on their northeru and north-weateim border. Country operated orer, between 2dafeking and 'Pnli, 450 miles in length.

II.—Mitior Poinba connected with the Siege.

(Alphabetically arranged.)

Ammunition.

Artillery.

Casnsties.

Communications.

Civil administration.

Companaafion.

Correspondents.

Defence accounta.

Defence works.

Enemy's artillery—fighting, treachery, field **work.**

Finance.

Food supply.

Fuel.

Garrison.

Hospital.

Natives.

Railway.

Relief Coin mibtee.

Speelalties.

StaB.

Spiea.

Transport.

Women's laager. Artillei•y.

Our rio-onlled arßillory ahould of course have been enbiraly ontclasscd bjr the modern high-velootjr gnus of the onemjr, but in Jn'aotioe they managed to hold their own in spite of their neiiig powdei•, ahells, nnd fuzea all made in oor own shopa.

'Tbe azillezy a,n6 also the orduaztue ahopa were under öfajor Panzera, assisted by Lieu-tenant Dan iell, British South Atria Police.

Oasnalties.

I.—Gombata.nta.

Whites—

Officers.—6 killed and died of wounds ; 15 wounded ; 1 missing ; total 22.

Non-commissioned officers and men.—61 killed and died of wounds ; 103 wounded ; 26 missing ; 15 died ; 5 **accidents** ; total 211.

Total—

Whitea.—67 killed and died of wounds • 118 wounded ; 27 missing ; 16 died ; 5 accidentB ; total **233.**

Coloured.—25 killed and died of wonnda ; 68 wonnded ; total 8•3.

Total oombatanba, <816.

II.—Non-combatants.

Whitea.—4 killed tend died of wonuda ; 5 wonnded ; 32 died ; total 41.

Natives.—6â killed and died of wouuda ; 117 wounded ; total 152.

Baralonga,—564 killed and died of: ivonnda ; tota.l 264.

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Total non-eombattsnts, 487.

'total all casualties during aiege, 80ii.

Out of 44 olficee•a, 21 were killed, wounded, or missing.

Ont of 975 men, 190 were killed, wounded, **or missing.**

Communications.

Loaal.

"Telephone.—All ootlying forto and look-ont poste wers connected up with head-qnartera, onder management of Ktr. J3owat, poatmaster, and his 8iafi. I was thns able to reeeire reports and issue ol'ders for all paris of the defence instantaneonaly.

Poets-To xve t&e &wvy expenem ot rnnners, and for the convenience of the public, posta»•e wat eatabliahed at : ld. tor down, 3d. for ontlying fortl, lr. for up country.

Signalling.—Heliograph, lamp, and fag aig-nalling wan eatabliBhed for defence pnurposee by brigade signallers, under major **Panzera** and Sezjeaztt-IEajor I/foBa8.

6fegaphones were ciao made and used in ontljring trenches and posta.

Phonophores were also used on the armonred train, attached to ordinary telegraph linea.

Distant.

Runnen.—Native runnen wore employed twice weekly, or oftener when necesaarjr, to talce üespafcbes, **tettors, &c., to oor ztorthero** colnmn. They lied to be highly paid, as the risic ot oapture and death **was very groet.**

I was thua praotieally in toneh with my force on the railway, and throngli them with kolonel Nicholaon at tlio baan, and kolonel Plumer'a column at 'fnli.

Civil Administration.

I established, foi• the trial of all cagea not directly amenable to military lnw, a Court of Summary Jurisdiction—

Members :

Resident Gomosiasioner.

Resident A'lagiatrnte.

Town Coniiriandaub.

OJlicei• Commanding Protectorate Regiment.

Chief **Stat** Officer.

it fii•st it wae a liable difficult to make the civilisna appreciate the restrictions of martial law, and, as linies grew moro critical, t.here ceme a tendeuoy to api•ead rumonrs and to grunibls, this had to be atopped.

I alBO pnblished some eaplanatory retriarks and advico on the working of martial law, &c., and these steps had a most marked effect, obediennoo to orders and a good spii it thence-wardward provailed in the gtsrriaon.

Compensation.

From the oommencement of the aiege carefnl record waa kept of all ahell-lire damage to property, and claima of owners considered and asaesBed. Total tsssed, 16,462d. 10s. 2d. Zo prouiise was held ond that Crovernment ivould gr ant oompensation, the proceedings were merely intended to agaist the oom iisaion should one afterwards be assembled, aard to profect Government agaist exorbitant claims.

A zecozd wae also zriade of iosees saBered bjr xefngees, izt yroyarty, lixeBtock, &o.

All lireatock killed oi• rzoonded by shell fire wae bought at a fair prieo and utilized for food, ao that the ownara have no claims on thia head, at the same time the value of the animala ia in many caaea not represented by oash, and i4 would be far moi•e sstiafactoip to the owners if they could be repaid in kind. This ia a point which I rentura to auggeBt be taken into consideration when dealing with the Boers **after the war** ; a eobstazttiat fme **in cattle** wozt4

touch them heavily without fearing them destitute, and the beatowsl of such cattle on deserving and looted loyalists would give great satisfaction or and be far more acceptable to them, and less expensive to Government, than grants of money.

Gori'spondents.

(Under Lieutenant to Hon. A. Hanbury-Tracy
BB Preas Genaor).

These gentlemen gave a certain amount of trouble at first, as for the most part they were more reporters than correspondents. Further reforming in the matter of correspondence in the field was very desirable. The enemy derived great deal of information from our circumstances from the newspapers, not only the local ones, but also from the Colonial and English papers, in spite of a strict censorship on our part.

Defence Accounts.

(Under Captain Greener, British South Africa Police).

Expenditure during the siege.

To labour, 13,024l.

To pay, local corps mud trench allowance 2½ p. 2y.

To pay, clerical and civil staff, 3,543d.

To foodstuffs, grain, rations, &c., 36,076f.

To material, clothing, equipment, &c.,
10,801

To be it l st & Ston On, C., 0411A

To local transport, 890a.

'O\&I, 90., '22/.

To payments other than defence, viz., frontier forces, special pay, &c., 35, '29/.

Total, 123,231 l.

Receipts.

By foodstuffs, and grain sales, 5,184/.

By soup kitchens, 3,242d.

Bar sales of Boer property, 4d3/.

B local post office, 238a.

By dog tax, 67a.

By fines, 127f.

Total, 0,13001.

Weirly average expenditure in pay, 1,550d.

Average receipt for rations, 625f.

Soup, 600a.

Total, 1,225/.

Defence Works.

(Under direction of Major Vyvyan, for town and East Front, Major Godley, West Front.) Scheme.—Oonezal scheme at first was to secure the town and Stadt by local high front, laying mines, fortifying outposts, &c.

Then to push out advanced trenches to drive back those of the enemy, and finally to establish a girdle of outlying fortifications.

The scheme included the provision of bomb-proof and extensive covered ways, gun emplacements, ditches, &c.

In all some 60 workB (Yei's mtsde, and about 6) miles of trenches.

The perimeter of the works at first was approximately 7 miles, latterly it extended to a little over 10 miles.

Nature.—General layout semicircular redans, but no two works were similar in trace, they varied according to position, ground, &c. At first dug out and kept very low, latterly, owing to difficulties of drainage, long drains, inaccuracy of enemy's shell fire, &c., they were made more prominent. Head cover was found to be essential. When trenches were near, at least 300 ft. had to be used, the ordinary handbag and iron ones being too good a target to the enemy.

Bents.—A good form of portable iron and

wood was devised, and used for housing the garrisons of the forts.

Enemy's Artillery.—lighting, 'treachery, Field Works.

Artillery.—Guns employed—

1—94-pr. Crenshaw, 15-in., 20-lb. charge.

9—7-pr. (4-in. 15-lb.).

5—5-pr. B. L.

1—12-pr. B. L.

1—9-pr. K. 15-lb., B. L.

2—14-pr. high velocity.

2—1-pr. Maxims.

Total, 11 guns.

The 94-pr. fired 1,497 rounds, and the artillery altogether fired 2,000 rounds during the siege.

The damage done was very small, partly owing to the open nature of the town and lowness of our forts, but more especially on account of the want of intelligent directing of the fire.

Fighting.—The enemy's want of discipline and pluck on the part of the men.

In the attack on Gannonskopje they got within 400 yards, and even started digging shelter trenches, but when the men began to fall they retreated promptly.

The night attack on the Stadt, on 12th Why, was boldly led by Elms and a number of foreigners, and had their supports come on with equal pluck, they should have had a hard task to drive them out, but as it was the supports were easily beaten off and the storming party surrounded.

Treachery.—The enemy tired on numerous occasions on our hospital, convent, and women's laager, although these were conspicuously marked with Red Cross flags, stood in isolated positions, and had been fully pointed out by me to the Boer Generals.

The women's laager was deliberately shelled in particular on 24th and 30th October, 5th January, and 11th April.

The Red Cross flag was used to cover a battery taking up position on 24th, 30th, and 31st October.

Convent deliberately shelled, 16th October, 3rd and 8th November.

Our white flag, returning from a conference with the enemy, was deliberately volleyed, 17th January.

Field works.—The enemy's trenches were of a very good design, and made in well-selected positions. The typical trench or fort consisted of a chain of small chambers 10 feet square, partially excavated, partly built up with sandbags, having stout walls, loopholes to front and rear, the whole rooted in well-fixed corrugated iron and railwork. Depth, about 3 feet.

Finance.

(Under Captain Greener, Major Ghiesbreght.)

I ordered all Government amounts to be kept settled up to date, so as to leave as little as possible for subsequent settlement; money work and confusion had thereby been saved.

The accounts were well kept by Captain Greene and his staff. In examination of accounts was appointed to check accounts before payment, and also an auditor for the larger amounts.

Cash in Bank amounted to 12,000 l., of which only 650 l. was in hand. Cash soon became scarce, because the public, especially the natives and Indian traders, concealed all the cash they could get, in anticipation of the place being taken by the enemy.

Paper money was soon necessary, and I

iaaoed coupons for lr., 2s., rind 3s. Ultimately gold alao become scarce, and lt. notes were printed in eyanotype end iasned ; but they never got into real circulation, an people kept them as curioë to t.he extent of 700a. 10s. conpons were issued with safiefaotorjr result.

For the conrenience of the men, and to gel oiteh from the public, a " harrison Snvi nge Bank " was oponed. Depoaits omonntetl to 8,800t.

Total Cfoverment exp.r.nditnro to end of Clay, 142,660d.

Total Oovei.nment receipta to end of Clay, 11,828/.

Pood Snpply.

(UndorCsptéolyan)

Enrly in tbe eiege, I tools over all zoe chnnt stooka and pub eveiybody on iations.

Beginning on the naual acale, I grndually reduced ib to the lov•est that would allow of the men being fit for d uty. During the latter part of the aiege no extrns of any lvind were obtainable. All lived atrictly on the following eo&le:—

Ueat, at first, 1 lb.; latterly, $\frac{3}{4}$ io 1 lb.

Bread, at firof, 1 lb.; latterly, 5 os.

9egetftblea, at fireè, 1 tb.; Jattcrley, 6 oz.

Co\$ee, af firat, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; labtierly, $\frac{1}{2}$ OG.

Salt, at fir8t, oz.; latterljr, oz.

Sugar, at first, 2 oz.

"1en.,tim È27BÈ, @ OM.

Sowens, latterly, 1 quart.

We lind a large stook of ment, both lire *nd binned.

For liveatock, wo had to open up wido extent of gnring gronnd. Wo abe the fresh moað first in order to aroid loss from enemy's fire, failure of graas und water, lung sicknesa, &co.

The tinned meat we atored in bomproot chambers, and kept se reserve.

During the laat two monbhs we wei•e on horse8esh tbzee days n week.

Our atocka of meel were eamparatively small, but we bad a large supply of forage oats. Theso we gronnd into flour, and fermented the residue into aowena (a form of porridgo) and the remorning huska went aa forage to the horsee.

dreah vegetables were largelj•r groo-n within the defen*eg, and for a greater part of the aiege formed a regnlar porbion of t.he ration.

The coat of leading the troopa was 1s. 3d. per rntion, or, with freeh vegetables, 1s. 6d.; abont .3d. below the contract prtee in peace. Ciriliana paid 2s., and women in the laager Ir. 2d.

All liqnor was taken over and issued in " kots to the troopa on weii nights, and I think ssred mnch sickneaa.

Nstirea.—For the natirea, we established four aoup kitohens at which homo atew wna sold daily, and fire aowen kitchens. Nu.tirea were all registered, to present freud, and bought ramona at 1 quarti per sdiilt, eind 1 pint ter child, at 3d. per pink.

De:fenee wat0bzztezt, worlzaen, poiiica, Ac., and oerbified deatitute persoua were giren free rationa. The kitchens so mantged psid their own expenaea.

They were under **Captain** Wilson, A.D.G., with **Er. flyers** ac cash **4aken** and inapector.

Fuel.

Eloal.—300 lone available at railway atoro, was ased for armoured train, ordnance foundry, pnmping station, flour mills, forage factory, **forges, &c.**

Wood.—25,000 lb. weekly for bakery, soup, and out-aowen kitchens, cooking, be. Procnred from roofa of hunts in the Stadt, old wagona, lopped trees, fencing, &co.

Potroleum.—Asbesto8 atovo made, but was not a aucceas.

Pntent fael.—Gew dring and cool dost, mixed in equal parta and baked, produced 20 tons g=ood fuel.

ffospital.

(Viotorin. Hoøpitel-70 bedø. Bøøe hospital.)

Bfajot' Anderson, Royal Army hfedioal Gorps, Pi•ineipal åfedioal O8ieer.

år. W. ffayeø (aoted as Principøl filedieal

Officer during first]3Rrt Of the niege).

Snrgeon-Major Rolmden, British South Afrioa .Police.

Dr. 'f. ffayes, District Surgeon.

Dr. Elmea.

Oarrison.

J?ioteetorate Ragiaient.

Lieutenant-kolonel Hore, Commander.—21 Officera, 448 men.

Britieh South Africa Polioe.

Lieutenant-Goloriel Walford, Commander.—10 Olficers. 81 men.

Cape Police, Diriaion 1.

Inspeutor öfarali, Commander.—2 Officers, 45 men.

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Inspecöor Browoe, Commander.—5 OMcers 54mez.

Becbuannland Rt8es.

Captain Cos*n, Gommaader.—4 O8tcars, 77 men.

TJeduct znisstng at Iobntei.—I Officer, 26 men.

Total drilled men.—38 Oificers, 679 men.

'town Guai'd, 296 men (untraified).

Total harrison—44 Officera, 97a men.

from the above 'Pown Gnard wae formed 4lie Railway Division, 2 Officers, 20 men, under (local) €japtain Store.

The folloaring commanded sections of the defence:—

Western defences, **Major** Oodley.

Stadt and aootli-western forts, **Captain** Marsh.

Vernon Kopje and aonth fi•ont, Golonel Wel-ford.

South-eaatero worka (brickfields), Inspeutor %agb, a 6stInepeorBrownø, laMly

North-eaBt worka, Gaptain Cowan.

'town, Golonel **Vyryan, st** firat, öfajor Ooold-Adama, **latterly**.

Head-qnartera Staff—

Ghief Stad Oäieor—Loi•d E. Cecil.

Deputy-Assistant Adjntaait-Oeneral (B)—GmptznRyam

Intelligence Otfioer—Lieutenant ffon. Han-bury-tracy.

Aide-de-Camp—€iaptain Wilaon.

Commanding Eoyal Arillery—Major Pvn-662'8.

Commanding Royal Enginee kolonel **Vyyyan**.

ffOBj2Sb&1.

(Ilnder Major Anderson, Royal Army Medical Corpa, aa Principal Medical Olficer.)

Sta\$—

Dr. W. F:fayea (acted as Princiepal Medical Olfioer during the first part ot the eioge).

Surgeon Major ilolmden, British South Africa Police.

Dr. T. Hayes, District Surgeon.

Dr. Elmes.

Victoria Tfospital (base hospital).—Nursing Stelt : Uisa ffill (JYtati•on) end three nurses, aasisted by four volnnteer uur ea ; also by öfother Teresa and six sisters.

Gonraceutical Hospital.—At convent, Lady **Sarah** Wilton.

Women and children's Hospital.—Miss Grauer.

On outbreak of war I took over the town hospital, but at first the administration was not satisfactory, on account of want of supervision over expenses of stores, and sanitation. I therefore appointed an auctioneer and storekeeper, and a sanitary inspector. To effecting accommodation I added a native ward, nurses' quarters, a ward for Colonial Contingent, and a boarded mess-room for all hands, &c.

Both doctors and nurses did excellent work, always short-handed, and frequently under fire. (All the hospital buildings were struck by shells and bullets, and the first convalescent hospital was wrecked, and the second damaged by 94-pounder shells).

2nd division.

(Under Mr. Bell, Resident Magistrate and Civil Commissioner.)

Natives in blaffing, during the siege, were—

Batalions, 11,000.

Fingoes, Shangana, and districts Baralonga, 2,000.

Total, between 7,000 and 8,000.

The Slangans were refugees from the Johannesburg mine, and were sent into Malak by the Boers on the outbreak of war. Being accustomed to dipping, they proved useful for world-gaols on the defences.

The districts Baralong, Fingoes, and Cape Boys, came into blaffing when their villages were burned and their cattle looted by the Boers. From among them we got about 300 men to act as armed cattle guards, watchmen, police, &c.

The local Baralonga living in the Stadt displayed their loyalty, and did some good service (especially after I had deposed their Chief Wessela for want of energy), and supplied good despatches, runners, spies, cattle runners, &c.

Of the natives living in the district, Saani remained particularly loyal, and although a prisoner in the hands of the Boers, he managed to send us information from time to time. Bathoen was loyal, but too timid to be of use. Gopane, a subject of the Boers, although sworn to supply them with men, offered us his allegiance. Tfatani and Matiba (British subjects), joined the enemy, and the latter and his men fought with them.

Railway.

(Under Captain Store.)

132 men, 46 women, 86 children.

Eighteen locomotives, only one of which was damaged by shell fire, as they were moved round to the "lee" side of the railway buildings with every move of the enemy's big gun.

Also a large amount of rolling stock.

Value of railway plant, £120,000.

A defence railway, 1½ miles long, was laid round the north-east front.

We made three armoured trains, with 101 steel rails, iron lookouts, towers, acetylene search light, speaking tabs, electric bell, water, medicine chest, &c.

£100 tons of rails were used in construction of bombproofs.

The armoured trains did much good service.

Specialities.

Ammunition.—Mr. Fodiach, our gunsmith, reloaded Martini Fleury cartridges, using ordinary gunpowder fixed with plaster of Paris for detonators. Powder and bullets were home-made.

Armoured train.—We armoured ordinary long-bogie trucks with steel rails (in ones not being bullet-proof) to a height of 10 feet, with loopholes and gun ports. I had three prepared at Mafeking under the able direction of Mr. More, Resident Engineer, Bechuanaland Railway, also three at Bolowsy by Mr. Wallis, Resident Engineer.

Brawn made from ox and horse hide and rendered much appreciated.

Bombs.—Dynamite bombs were made up in small potted tins and milk tins for use as hand grenades, with slow match fuses, with complete success, by Lieutenant Feltham, sergeant Tager, champion bat thrower of Port Elizabeth, by using a whip action and short line, was able to throw these with accuracy over a distance of 100 yards.

Fire.—When cool end wood began to run low, a very satisfactory fuel was made up of coal dust and cowdung mixed.

Fuses.—A simple and useful percussion fuse was invented by Lieutenant Daniell, British South Africa Police, in which the butt end of a Seeleyford cartridge was used as detonator. The fuse was in regular use with our locally-made shells.

Howitzer.—A 6-inch howitzer was made in our workshops, under the orders of Major Panzer, by Mr. Ooullig. The bore was 6 inches in diameter, with iron rings on in two pieces. The fire was a block of cast bronze. The trunnions and ring were a similar solid casting. The gun threw a 18-lb. ball (shell), and reached a distance of 4,000 yards.

Long pole.—Telescopic long pole—only pole was made of lengths of iron piping, and set up with steel wire stays, with a pulley and strong seal to the top. The height, about 18 feet.

Oat bread.—Mr. Elliston, our master baker, made up our forage oats into a good form of bread. The oats were winnowed, cleaned, kiln-dried, ground, and mixed (twice), and made into bread in the usual way, with a small addition of yeast.

Search light.—Sgt. Walber, agent for the Anglo-Ox Company, under Captain Mores direction, made a very effective and portable acetylene search light with an engine head light and a theodolite stand. These we had stationed in the principal forts and on the armoured train.

Signalling lamp.—Sergeant Fajoi, Master and Mr. Walker devised a very effective and portable acetylene signalling lamp, which is reckoned to be readable at 15 miles. We had two in work.

Sowena.—This is a form of porridge, made from the fermented bran of oats. After the bran had been extracted for making bread, 1½ lb. of bran in 37 Ballons of water give 33 Ballons of sowena. On this food we fed both natives and whites. We had five sowing machines, each capable of producing 800 Ballons daily. It was sold at 6d. per quart to those not entitled to it as a ration.

Sausages.—The horses which we used for meat were, as a rule, so poor in condition that we found it best to cut off the flesh from the bones and mince it for use as a ration. The remainder of the cereals then went to the soup kitchen. The mince was then mixed with apices and saltpetre, and made up into sausages, the intestines of the same animal being used for sausage skins. The meat was then treasted longer, and was more palatable.

Steel loopholes.—Finding that the enemy

show through ordinary loopholes at short distances, especially in french »orlr, I clesised a form of steel loophole with two platea of J-inch ateel bolted together at an angie of 45 degrees, with a hole 2 iixches square in blie middlo ot the joint, the sliield being 2 food high and 2 feel nside.

Steel aap roller.—I also bod a mapping aliield mede of two sheeta oi g-inch steel, oah 4• feel square, bolted togetclie• at an nnglc and moanted on wheels, to be puahed in front of s pi •by pusliiug u, nep nnder fire.

Relief Committee.

Numbere ot the refugees and some of the townspeople, being without means during the eiege, I formed o reJief **cooizaittee**, coasieting of the Mayor, the Bm•o Couiwiandanit, the Chnplain, and other repreaentetire men, ivitb myaeli xs president, for disbu?sing funds foi• pnrohsses of olothing and ueceaaaries, Zo., and for the isaue ot rations to dosei'ving cases.

Soms received fi om England, from the various relief fnnds, wem thus eni•efuUjr and advantageouly administeced und aoouuu ted for, and there was no real suffering aniong the white poplotion.

Staff.

Head-qvartera—

kolonel Gommanding—kolonel Baden-Powell.

Chief Staff Oficer—Major Lord E. Ceoil, D.S.O.

Tleputy- Aaaiatant Adjutant-General (i3)—OapMioRyan, Army ServieCoru.

Aide-de-Caoip—Gaptain G. Wilson. Roynl Horse Guards.

Intelligence Officer—Lieutenant ffon. A. J:fanbury-Tracy, Royfil ffoi•ae Gus.ijs.

Local—

Comma'ndiug Artillery end Deputy-As8ie-tent Adjul net-General—Ofajor Psnzera, British South Africa Police.

Baae Gommndant and Cotriintnding Engineer—Ofajoi• C. B. Y'ryan, "Buff8."

Principal MedicRl Olfoier—Di•. W. Tfayes (at firat), bfajor Anderson, Jtoyal Army 2dedic8l Corps.

Eiliief Paymnste Captain O'eener, British South Africa Police.

Town Commandant and Protectorate, Natires—Bfajor Ooold-Adaina, G.B., C.ICCr. Local Nativea—ö(r. C. G. R. Bell, Reaident Afagiatrate and Giril Coinniiasioner. Wonen and childron—Mr. F. Whiteley, Sfayor.

TransporMLientenaot McKenzie.

Poat and 'Telegraphs—Mr. Howsi, Postmaster.

Chapla'ins—Rer. W. H. Waokea (Ghuroh of England), Rev. Father Ogle (Roman Catholic).

Spica.

The enemy were well informed of rtll that wenb on in blafeling during the aiege. We hud over 30 snapects in tho gaol for the greater part of the time, but i4 waa almost impossible to get proofs itgainat them. 'The stutionmasber had undonbtedly been in communication with an ex-Fenian, Whelan, a prominerit member of the Iriah Land League. Thia man we areated on the ootbreak of wer, and kopt in ga,ol. fte bad among hin papera a code for maasagea.

'I'be aatiees acted aa epies :tor the enezny; we caught two and tried them, and shot them.

Store khan hxlfd the families in the women'a laeger were Dutch, and of pro-Boer aympathies.

Four of our men de8erted to the enemy at di8erenb times.

'transport.

(ffinder Lieutenant McKenzie).

I'l'ie depcraezis5 wcr eorjr abby managed, and, thozgh nt fii'st cinch liired transport iran onaploycel, Lieotenont Mo•Kenzie gradnally ari'anged so tlaait the whole of the Army Sei-rioe ffoi•ps, Roynl Engineer s, snuit any, Zo., dutiea (na well aa the reginit'ntal »'oik) were carried ou5 by the Oovoimment ti•aneport trail-able, viz.—

11 wagona.

6 Soot,cli cnrts.

2 brollies.

.3 nmbulanoes.

185 males.

12 oxen.

'the mules kept bhoir condition wonderfully we'll, considering the absence of forage and the iimount of work.

Water• Supply.

(Ifnder blajor Vyryen tend atajoi• ftepworbh.)

The enemy cut off our water supply from the watern•orks during the firaf few deya of the siege. Fortunately the aeaon waa un-usually wet, end oousequently ihe Molopo Stream did not rnn dry, and liioiso tenks kept fniiljr filled. But to make sure against contingencies, and to ensure a aupply of whole-aoaie wxter, we cleared out vnrioua wells and dug a now one of great oapacity.

'The water from theee waa issued to the town and g'ttrison bjr means of tank wagons, filled nightly and posted at convenient points during the day.

Women'a Laager.

(Under Ktr. F. Whiteley, the Me yor.)

I'ormed tt öfi•. Rosrland'a honso, »'here every-thing waa placed st. the disposal of the refugees in a moBt kindly »vak by Dhr. Roivlands.

Number of whibea—10 mun, 188 wonnen, 45 children; also about 150 native servnnt giia.

Health fairly goo'1 oonsiderin„= the circum-stanoes. Diphtheria mad0 lta Rpppearance, but aftei' foni• ca8es was stopped by isolation. Deatha, 24.

A laa'ge bombproof, 180 yards by 5 feel, was mede for the aocommodation of the whole of the inhobitaul a of the laager, svibh protected waya, latrines, &r.

The wonnen and children *ere rationed, the 8upply nnd di8tribntion being elficiantljr carried oud by öft•. W biteley, w ithont any lcind of remuner&tioTt to him8elt.

Thia gentleman carried oud the entire manage-ment of the hager with ccnspicnona ancess, and was very ably assisted bjr Bev. W. JR, Weskes and Mr. Rowlsndn.

'The following n•ere the oases dealt with by the Court ol Summary Ourisdir:tion :—

Charges.

I3r•nso-breakintt, 14.

Tra.¥BOD ÊJ•

rj'i{ief(1 ÖJ•

J'fjaor oRences, 184.

'Total, 430.

Punishments.

Oeat'it, 5.

Gorporal pnaixLmerj 115.

Detention in gaol, 23.

Fines, 57.

Impi•iBonoient with hard labour, 9l.

'kota.1 291.

'total fines, 140L 3s. 6d.

III.—Engagements during the Siege.

Action of 14bh October.

Six miles north ol öfafeäing on railway.

Early in the morning of the 14th October

our reconnoitring patrols exchanged shots with
 o stz'cag paršy cf the eoemy, wfin were ečteaoo-
 ing along the r*»iln'tsy C milen nort.h of the
 town.

I ordered out the armoured train, under Captain Williams, British Sontji Africa Police, to endeavour to dash the Boers and their artillery fire into them, as I wanted to make the first blow felt by them to be a really lame one. The train carried a 16-pound Hotchkiss 8.9 inch 1.303-inch Staxim, and the meri, Bitiab Houth Africa Police.

I sent oni, in snppoi•t of the trein, a squadron of the Proteetorate Regir eni, undei• €iaptnin FitzClai'rice.

On coming np is'ibli lhe train he fonnd it; hearily engaged with the Roers, who had been airongly reinforced from their laager, some 7 miles north; t.hey linrl niso brought ups 7-ponnder krnpp and a l-pounder Alnxiiu.

Captain Fitzjarence, diamounllng liis meri, adiiinced to attark svitli his left jirotc'ted by the train.

For n quarter of an honr ho s-a8 lield b)' the enemy under a ver)' liot bre, nnd then. presaing forwnrd, well bonLed up bY the timin, leo drole the enemy baol and auccessfully beli off t-lieir several **ettempta to encircle** llia flank. Clean-time, I sent up rim additional troop under Lord Gharles Bentinck, end iilso n 7-pr. These alao became iiotly engaged rind did good w'ork. 'The iire from the nrinoiired tr.sin pnt the enemy's gun oni ol action beforo i b hac fired .o shot, and ei entually also drorc the 1-pi•. Mttxim from tlio Geld.

'Z'ize eztgagetztiet Tnetcd nboat 4.1 ours, and the aaezay Targe1jr ootnurabered our zoea, bnt Captain FitzClei ence mado up for this defioienoy by the able handliug of hia men. Sfore-orer, be kept hia orders in mind, and who:i he saw the opportonity he got hia w'ounded on to tbe tzaizt, and affor drt zng the ezteag baofz Ae withdrew his coinmand quietly on Yafekinr, eovered by the train, without any ottmpt on the park of the enemy to follow liim up.

lu thia, **their** firat engagement, the *Prote* -to-
rate Req•iment showed a apirit and daah worthy
of bighly-brained troops, iind were most ably
led by Gapt8in **FibzGls,rence** and **Lord C. Ben-**
tinck.

'Phia smax•tly rought little engagement had a gretst and laating moral effect on the enemy.

Their losses were afterwards found to amount to 53 killed (including four field coi nents) and a large number wounded. The bey also lost a number of those.

Our cnauntieB were—

2 killed.

16 wounded (including two Officers).

1 missing (eyclist).

4 horaes killed.

IS wonnded.

Eneoiy'a Attaok on the istadt,

SohOcobe, 18A.

Enemy commenced shelling at 6.10 a.m. till midday from the east and south with 7 guns. At noon they commenced their general advance against the town from the north-west, east, and north-east; the north-west being the main **attack** directed against the Staff. Their number about 3,000. The enemy commenced firing at extreme range, to which we made no reply, reserving our fire for close distance. So soon as our artillery and Maxim commenced the enemy stopped their advance, and soon began to withdraw at all points. Casualties on our **Side** were one man wounded, and two horses and eight mules wounded, the Boer losses

known, but probably considerable, as their ambulances were on the field picking up the wounded over an hour after the engagement.

It nsas eftei•warda (10th December) ttsoei•tained that the attttel- on the Stadt was intended us a feinf, while the main atteli should cole oP to northward, ozt oaz' weBtern faoe. 'The Boer8 baru expectett tbo B:waTongs not to fivv on theni, and so sd vaneed more openljr than they wouJd othei•wi.se trave done; nor had they expected to find white men defending the Stadt. 'Theii• lo.s.s n'e•s, tliurefore, pretijr henvy, and, aurprised at flier rebulf, they l'ell baok alto-gether.

At one period of the action, a mounted **troop of Boers** advanced to the **ward** of the **Police** position, and came under fire of the **Moxim**, which dropped fire of them; the remainder rapidly dispersed.

During the ef tei•noon some of our acontn near the J3riokfielt» as•ere inos'i up, utider fire, v/hen one of ihem fell with bis lioi'se and *I y • ua Ded.* T»•o Gnpe l'oliee troopezx in the wos'ka ran ont and plnoed the injured man on his boi'se, and brougbb liim in under heavy firo from the enentjr: n*tzien, '1'rnopers George Ooollina and W. F. Oreen.

Night Attack on Booi•Trenches.

2Ttl> Oc€oLer, 1809.

Dorin; past two daya enemy had mored their
nd vancod tu•enclies olosor into the east face. I
def ermined to make on **attack** on their main
advanced French ivibh the bayonet, in orde• to
discourage their advancing furltioi•.

A night tr@ck was therefore organized with Captain FitzEilarence's gquidron, Protectorate R gi ment, supported by n prty of Gapo Police. Guiding li hbs » ere lioisted, by wliicli Captain FitzG larence o•aa ble to lead hia parby past the fl trik of 4he main trench.

The attacking iorce moved off 9'30 .u. in silence, with magazinea charged, bnt no oartridges in the cbaiziber, 4he order being to nse the **bagoaet ooh.** 't'he zaen **Tzore white arraletn** and used "**FitzClarence** " ae their pass wo'i.d. 'Piie night waa dark, but still. The aquadm attained its poaition on the left rear of enemy'B trsnch wi4hout beinp• ohnllenged or fired at. Gaptain FitzGlarence then wheeled op hie men, itnd with a cheer charged into the main and a snbsidiary trench, and cleared both with the ba7onet.

the enemy's i earword trenches opaned a heavy fire, to whioh the Cape Police replied frooi a flank, in order to drew the fire on to themselves, and so to allow Captain Fitz-Clarence'a squadron to return unmoleated.

The whole operation was carried out exactly in accordance with instructions, and was a complete success; Uho more so as the enemy, being taken by surprise, were in much confusion, and, as we **afterward** discovered, bred into **each** other. Their casualties we heard on reGable publicity, amounted to 40 killed and wounded with the bayonet, 60 killed and wounded by rifle fire. Our casualties were mixed killed, nine wounded, two missing.

Killed.

4323 Corporal Bum, 17th Lanoers.

442 'frooper Joaiah Soundy, Proteotorate
Regizaeat.

443 'J'rooper Charles Yayfield Ofiddlediteh,
Protectorate Regiment.

171 'I'zooper 'T'boaoB Z'raser.

S02 Robert Ryrea MacDonnld.

Su*li Alexander -fenry Turner.

Wounded.

Captain FitzGlarence, 8lightly.

Lieutenant S winburne, slightly.
 Corporal Bernard Johnson.
 Corporal Clement Adkina.
 Trooper Arch nr Itodill, severely.
Trooper Charles Donovan.
 Trooper A. If. Hodgkinson.
 Trooper F. A. Dawson.
 Trooper F.W. Iloopar.

Erasing.
 Trooper Thoma Powell.
 Trooper Franz Aiiirel.

The missing men wers captured by the enemy.

Action at Cannon Jfopje.
 31st October, 1899.

â'be onemjr opened a bearj*, concentrated ahell fiie from the south-eastern heights, from the racecourse (eaat), and from Jaukal's Tree (south-weat), directed against Cannon K.opje. 'lbe fire was svol1 aimed, and the racecourse gnn took the work in reverse. For a time litblo harm was done beyond knocking down parta of the partspet and amaahing the iron auporta of the loohoot tower: most of the garrison ivero lying in the trone.liea some 80 yards in rear of 'bhe fox't. The gan end two blaxims in the work had been px-eviouely discounted and atowed awi:y for safety during BheJl fire, **to which, ot cou'se, tbuy we-e pclver-**loaa to reply. 'Pfiio telephone wire waa cut away early in the proceedings. **After** half an hooi's steady tend accurate artillery lire, the enemy, who ha.d been graduttly maeaing on the high ground aouth and south-east of the fort, began to advance in line ol skirmishers firm three aides at once; they were baoked up by obher parties in support. A large ffiree also collected in the 6folopo Valley, south-eaat of the form, and were donned ewidenbljr with 4he idea of storming the towii after Cannon K.opje had been captured.

Aa 4he enemy began to get within ranp=e of the fork, the garrison moved up from their trench and manned the parupete and Maxima. It waa then that we sWered aome caBualties from shell fire. Aa the enemy continued thoi• advance, I sent to Captain Goodyear's Colonial Contingent to advance n party on to a ridge **above** them, and so to tiske enemy's atttcking' line in flank, but they could not be got to **move**.

Ono A'laxim at Ellis's Corner now jammed, and I had to replace it by one from the reaerro.

meantime, I had a 7-ponnder run out undei• covor of houaes near sonth corner of the town. 'this opened, under direction of Lieitenaut blurchiaon, on the Bank of t-ho enemy's line aa it began to get near the tort. The gun medic **excellent** practice, **every** ahall going in among them, and effeotunlly stopped the further ad, wee of the Boera.

'Plieae no yr hesitated and began to draw off, and as they did ao their guna reopened on Ciinnon K.opje to cover their retizemenb. 'the fire then died down, and enemy Bent ont sinbn-lnces under Red Crosa flags to ivcorer their dead and wound&d. We lost Bid killed and fl ve wounded.

Killed.

Captain The Hon. Douglas biarahsni.
 Captain Charles A.K. Pechell.
 2391 Truop iSergaant-6tajor William Henry Gonnihan.
 Troop Sergeant-Xajoi• Hugh Bagot £fpton.
 2566 Teooepex' Arthur John blsrtyr.
 251fi Frank St. Glair 'fraill Bui'roughes.

Wounded.

Quai•ter-Ofaeter-Serjeant E. O. J3iitler.
 Corporal A.J. Cook.
 tiorporal F.G. 2' ewton.
Trooper C. W. Nicholas.
 Trooper F.R. Lloyd.

(The two laHer died the following day.)

During Shia fight the Boers sent oot a Red Croaa flag on to a commanding point and then brought their gnna up into position them. I visited Cannon Kopje after the fight and congratulated Colonel Watford and his men on the gallant and determined stand msde by them in the face of a very li of ahell fire.

The in Mention ol the enemy had been to storm Cannon K.opje, and thence to bombard the south-eaateim portion of the down, and to carry il with tbe large forcea they l:tao collected in t.he bfolopo Valley. Their whole aoheme waa defeated by the gallant resistance made by the garrison, and by the telling fiie it brought tobe • on them. be sforwardz loarot ihm the attack waa designed tend directed by j onng Cronje. The enemy's loss was riot known, but ambulances wero aeen shoal the fiold picking up for a considerable time, and uabive apies reported there wa8 much mourning in the lasgera, and that aevernl curt loids of dead had been brought in and buried.

Suvptixe on Enemy's Western Lmeager.

Yth **Sovezabei**, 1899.

&h '3.30 z.u. HajoF Godley paraded his force, in acuordsnco with ti plou I had arranged, to e,55auk the weutui'u caxuy of: tbe ueezojr with a hvavy fire at daylight, and then to retire iigaiu before euemy's guns and reinforcements ci rired on the ucene. 'Iiie force in enemy's camp was reckoned at 200 to 550. Our forue consisted

'lwo 7-pou riders.

One 1-pounder Hotehkisa, under ñlajor Panzera.

One Squadron of 60 anon, Protectorate Regiment, dismounted, auder Captain Vernon.

One troop of i30 men, Bechuanaland Ri8ea nlonnb0d, urfder Captain Cowan.

The foroa moved out. along the heights to about 1,500 yards in advance of Alajor GorlJey's po8ition; Captain Yernon's squadxon leading in attnck oidor, with the guns on bie left rears, and Bechiianu*.ana Rifles coveiing his right rear.

At 4.15 x.ai., our guns opened on enemy nt 1,800 ytwds, and the squadron fired volleys by **alteoate** fa'oops iztto tote enexajr'B **caozp**, even" which they had full commttnd from the heights they were on. 'the surprise waa complete, the enemy bolting in nll dik'ections to take cover. Their 1-pounder Zlazim and 7-poundei' Krupp in l.he Beacons Forb in a ahoi4 time responded with u heei•y ancl well-directed lire. Large bodiea of reinfoxcements very soon begau tu

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>•i•r Godley 4hereapon commenced withdrawing his foroea, artillery retiring first; tliu Bschnnnaland Rifles occupying Wort Ayi• to cover the retirement, which they did very eJfeobirely againsb a using of mounted Boera who bad. worked i•onnd to our riq•ht dank. 'Phe enemy brought a very hearer mnaketry fire to Year on oni• force, but the retirement waa carried out with the greatest ateadineae. **Enemy's** strength about 800 or **1,000**. Our **retirement** was l'urther covered by 7-pounder at the west ond of the Stadb, and the Gape Police Maxim end escort. In the coui'so of the retirement oni• 1-ponnder l:fotohkiss upset and broke the limber hook; her crew, Gunnexz R. Cowan and H. Godaon, very pluokily atood up and repaired

damage with rope, &c., and got the gun away safely under heavy fire from **enemy's** 1-ponndei-blaxim and f-pounder Kinipp xnd rife fire.

Three o1 enemy's ambnlancee were aeen piok-ing up their easnaltea after the action, and we aftersvards leaint that they had lost a consid-arable number. On our side we had five men wounded, five horsea killed, five wonnded, and 36 cattle in the refugee langer killeii and woounded by bnllets.

heaoea oï Wounded.

Ofajor Godley, slightly.

'Proopei• Hodgkinson, Proteotorate ltegment.

Trooper J. G. 'Phompaon, Protocorato Begi-nnend.

Trooper P. J. IY0stdyk, Booliuaniiland Rittes.

Corporal R. B. Clhristie, Gape Police.

On this day a commando ol tlio Boera mades demonutration against Khamn's men on the Limpopo, and opened fire upon the or, but aLortly after rtired acrossa the border.

Aotiou at Gaue Tree.

26th December, 1899.

'Tlte **Boers'** eork at Gaoie 'T'ree, 2,500 az'de north of town, had checked our grazintt in that direction, tend it commanded our line of eom-oiiaiiiction northward. Some shells thrown into it a few daya previoualy had cauaed eneniy temporarily to vacate it, showing it to be a weak open work ; this had Geen confirmed by reoozlo*igemoce by our gooxes, but se tbe tnemy had been seeu atrengthening it during the past few daya, I determined to attack before they aould make it impi-egnable. Accordiogly, two squadroua Protectorate ltegment, eoppoit'ed bjr armoured trniu and Bechiianalaud Rifles, were ordored to uttack from the left flank of the rork, under direotion of blajoi' Oodley, while three guns aard llaXiin prepsizd the way from the righb ft'ont ot the iYork. 'T'liia flobeme was oari•ied out st da»'n on the 2Gth, the p=u us making good pi'ttctico, and the two aquadrous advaneing iu o@tek formatiou extit:fly as re-quired. Bm on preasinb home the actock a heavy fire killed or wounded mosb of the Offioers and tho leading troops. Tlioee ouc-ceeded in gttiuug tho pnrpct, but the work was fonnd bo htivo been atrongly roofed in and ao oloaed as to bo ' r•••nablo.

'T'he att•ck full buulc ut•ou 5lu easte 'u deue, and puStied foi•wai'd agaiu on Who southern lane, but eveutually had to i cairo with a loss of—

Captain Vernon,

Captain iSandford,

Lieutenant. Pa4on, and 21 non-commissioned oflicera and uren killed, and,

Captain FitzGlareneo and S2 men wounded.

Three missing.

If blame foi• this res•or•e falls on anyone it nboztli hall ou zayself, a.s eerjrbodjr conceiaeti did their pai'b of the work thoroughly well, and esactl\$ ia accordance witt the ordete I Stad iaaned, Both Oäicek's and men worked with uplt'ndid courage and spivit.

Boera' & Black.

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At about 4 s.u. on 12th Mam a rery henry long-range miiaketry fire was opened on the town from eaat, north-eaat, and south-east. I rounded the alaimi, and thB garrison stood to arms. 'Phe fire continued for half-an-honi•. I thereupon wired to the aouth-weat outposts to bo on the look-out.

At about 4.30, 300 Boars mede a x'uah through the western outposfs und goh into the Slade ; this their then sot fire to. I ordered the western delenders to cloae in zo as to preveu t any snpporba from coming in after the leading body, and aent

the **reserve** sqaadrozttfere to asBie5. 'T'fey eac-ceeded in driring oJf an attaok of about 500 without ditficulty and returned to ronnd op their station. In the meantime the Boers in the Stadt had ruahed the Bi•tish South African Police fort and made prisoners the men in ib, viz., three Oiofoerz and 16 men, sta\$ of the Protectoratc RegiTaeat.

In the darknesa the attaokers had got dirided up into threé parties, aard as it got light we xeeae able to far.5fiter **separate** tbeae f'zoa each other, and to sorround and nttak them in detail. The first porty aorrendered, the aeond were **driven** out with losa by three aquadrou8 Pi•oteotorato Regiment, unher 6fajor Godfrey*, and the third, in the British South Afrieian Police fort, xfter a vain attempt to break ont in the evening, surrendered. During the n'hole of the day, while the struggle was going on in the Stadb, the enemy outside made demonstrationg aa if about to attaok, and kept up a hot shell fire on the place, but without palpable effect.

We captumd thia day 108 priainers, among whom was Gommandanb Elo\$, Kruger'a grand-son. We also fonnd 10 killed and 19 wouuded Boers, and their ambulance picked up 30 more killed and wounded. Our loa8ea were :fonr killed, 10 wounded.

Our men, although weak with want of food and ezercias, worked with splendid pluck and energy for the 14 bours of fighting, and iaetoztcea of gaTlant1'jr ict oc5iozt were verj' numcroua.

Relief of Mzleking.

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When k'elief become imminent, I tormed a small force of 180 men and two grins, under Golonel Salford, capable of tsking the field should it bo deairnble to make a diversion or counter-atteck during the probable encounter between the investing force and bhe relieving column.

On the evening of the lfibli Islay, the enemy contented the advance of the reliaf column 6 mileu weak of the plaCe. Colonel Salford's paz'ty iuoved ont and domonstrated as if In attack the Boar8 in rem'. This onused Them to witlid'aw a l-pr. 3faaim which hud been poated ou Olie probsble line of advance of bhe oolumn, and also a number of men with it. Thie move left the road oJien for Golonel hfahon's fome to como into öfsfeking, which it did dnring the night without the knowledge of the Boers.

E:uly next morning, aeeing tba4 the enemy were beginning to more wagona from the langer, I pushed forward Golonel Walford'e torce a5 ouce to a5taclr, ordening tito z lie:f :toree to join in es soon as possible. Thia bad a good effect, s our guna opened on their advanced trenches and prevented them from getting their 5-poundor away, and our' men from 4he)3rick-fielda, movi rig u p the rivei•, took the trench in rear and cleared it, killing five Boers and taking their dag and gun. Metsnwhile, Col•nel Yfahon and CoJouel Plnmet's guna come into aotion and ahelled tha enemy's laaper with great effect, the Boera goiog of in bull flighb, aliandoning aevoral wap•ons, oamp equipment, hospitz1, &c. O'•olouel AYalford's men, who had been working up through the buah, qnckly tool possesaion and drove off the **enemy's** i'onr guard without diifi-caltjr.

'The operationa connected wit-h blie relief ot the place fase, I assazae, been z•epor'ted on by Golonel htahon, but I would add thiit bis clerer moro near Mai'tizani, when he aliifted his line of advance anddenljr from ono road to another, quite nexpected by the Boera, entirely pnazled

them, and disconcerted there plans. And again, **alter the 6gb8 outside** Äfa/elcizig, when Ute bironacked his column ab nightfall, the Boers werepreparedtoreuwtfieatsckiothemorning only to find that he had slipped into the place during the night, and waa through the town tend ahelling their langer on the other aide.

'Pte whoolo operation of the two relief oolamn8 wea exceedingly well conceived and carried out.

IY.—Recommendation of Officers and

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1. Sta8—Military.

Äfajor Lorö Edwarü Ceoil, D.S.O., as Cltiet: BtaB OfBcer, waB of the greotest aasistaace to me. Öle stuck plnckily to his worm, although mnch hampered by siekness during the first yaszt o:f ibe aiege. Ehe did a **gz'eat** aotonat ob hard work in the first organisation of the frontier force, and ist Msfeking, hi8 tact and nnrualled temperament enabled onr atalf dealinga with the Colonial oirilians to be oarried on with 4he least poaßible friobion.

✓ Captain Byan, Army Service Gorpa, as Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General (B), proved an exzeptionally capable and energetic Supply OBcer. OnhiBzkoolders felt inehwhole work of feeding the entire community, garrison, non-combatants, and notire, a dnbjr which he carried out with conspicuous success (practically unassisted), as we look the food Bnpply out of the handa of oonfractors and niorchants; and he losb the services of his two ohief assistan4a, Captain Girdwood, killed, and Sergeant-Major Loney, oonvicted of theft of Oovernment atorea. Capt+sin **Ryan'a** work haa been inraluable, and has mainly contributed to the successful iaaae of the aiege.

LAuteoani Ilonoorabe A. B&nboryT cy Boyal Hoi•ae Guards, a8 Intelligence Oßicer and Pres8 Gensor, haa worked hard und Buceesafnlly, and with tact and firmneab in his dealitiga with the Presa oorespondents.

CapMM G. Mison,Royat flose Goard,m my Aide-de-Champ, in addition to hia other dotiea, had oharge ob the soup and aowens kitchens, aaid did most ngeful work-.

To both the above Oäicern I am mnch indebted for their willing work and personal **ossistance** to myself.

Honorary Lientenant öfcKenzie aß 'Transport Odicer did exzellent work in the organisation of hia departemte, und in the purchase of mules und material, &c. In addition to hie other duties, he acted **as extra** Aide-de-Camp to ine, und wns an exzeptionally energetic and useful Stnlf Olficex.

bfajor Panzern, Bcithish South Africa Police, as Coeimandinq= Artillery, ahowed bimaelf a aoiart and prnotical gnnner, eudowed with the greatest zeal, cozpled with personal gallantry in action. The greai snocesß gained by our little gute, even when oppoaed to the modern amament of the enooyi, was Jargeljlr dne to Panzern's organization and handling of them.

In addition to theBe duties, be acted aß mjr Brigade-ötajor, titid prored himself a most reliable and usefnl Stg8' Oäicer.

Major (local Lientenant-Colonel) C. B. Vyvyan, the Buifs, was Baae Ciommandaut, Commanding Engineer, and (for S months) TowxGommaxdag@duriogthexege. Assuo5, je organized the Down Guard and defencea in

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the first instance. To hia nntiring real and ability the successful defence of the town ia largely dne. -fe carried out a very heavy amonzit of work, practioally Bingle-handed, and with conspienoiis sneeesa.

Major Anderson, Royal Army Medical Corps, tbzougout the siege sbowert ootfring seal, compled with coolneaa and gallantry, in attending the wounded under fire in action, in addition to his eminent pmfessional abilifiy. Estterly, es Principal Medical Officer, hia tinfailing tact and administrative capabilitiea rendered his services ob groatest. value. 'Phe admin ob his devotion to his dnty told haarily on hia health.

Medical Statt.—Dr. W. Hayes, Snrgeon-Major Holmden, BritiBh South Africa Police, and Dr.

T. Hayes, all worked with eonspinoes zeal and akill under a never-ending atrain ob work; att of item verf freqoeoily ooder dre in oarryiog **oat** t'teir ütities, **eeeo izt t'betz oWO BOB@tBL**. N MgßM&-Thework doaebv*he Bdy nursea waa beyond all pr rac.

Vlies Hill, the 6fatron of the Viotoria Hoapita2, was assiated by a number of lady rolnnteers, in addition 4o her regular ataß, consigtio of öfra. Parmiatier und äliaa Oamble.

Äfotber Sapeziör 'I'ezeeaa aaü eight 6l8taza of Mercy also worked in the hospitäl.

Lady Sarah Wilson, assisted by other ladies, managed the Convaleecent ffoapital.

%fia Öraufurd managed the Romeo aod b"ildren'n Hospital.

'The ohoye ladies worltü wifb Abe **gceateat** zoal und self devotion 4hroughout 4he siege. 'the proiractod atrain of heavy wort, frequently oarried out under fire (Lady fsarah Wilaon was wounded), told on moat of them, Mias Hill being at one time proatrated by orerwork. It was largely dne to t'Jieir nnremittßing devotion and akill that the wonnded, in so many oasea, made marvellona recoreries, und the health of the garrison remainued so good.

Captain Oreener, Pajmiaster, British South Africa Police, aa Chief Payniaater, **rendered** most elfioient and ralnable Service throughtout the siege. He Sept account of all Government expenditnrea and receipts connected with defence, feeding popnlation, &c., in addition to hia ordinary police und administrative accounts. By his care und zeal I am oonvinced that the GoYeromootmerewvedmochexpenxe.

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Iüantenant-Golonel Ifore, Staßordshiro Regiment, raised, organized, und commanded the Pi•otectorate Regiment, which did invalnable Beretce io t'fte Biege.

öfajor Oodley, Royal Dublin Fnailiers, aa Adjutant of the Proteetorate Regiment, had mnoh to do with the aucoeasfnl organisation of the corps when it waa **first** 2'&fBäd. As commander of the westezo detenoe ob Älafel ing througboat the siege hia services were of the highest value. ilia coolneaa, reoßlineaa of resource, und tantnlneas in dealing with the Coloniala made him tin ideal Oßcer for auch command in aobion.

Ife was my right hand in the defence. I **cannot speak too highly of his good work.**

Colonel Walford, Britieh isouth Africa Police, commanded the southern defences, with hia detachment. of British South Africa Police, throughout the siege with oonßpicnona auocesß. Always cool und quick to aee what was wanted, his services wexe most valuable.

Inspector• Browne, Cape Police, **commanded** the detnctment of Division 2, tiape Poline. ffe and the splendid lot of men onder hia oomina.nd did excehaoework ikrorghozf *he siege, eßpecizlly in the oenpation of the trenche8 iii the

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constmDUy on ihe alerCardozder dre.

Inspector Mareb, Cape Poŭce Dividoo 1, oommanded the detachmet of Division 1 theonghout the siege, and camied ond his dutiea most elfioiently and zealouaiy.

Captain Elowan, oommanding the Beohnana-land RiBes (Volnnteera), had hi8 corps in anch a condition of elficieney as enabled me to employ them in all respecta as regnlar troops. ifo waa at a.II tiaeB re&djr and ecaloaa in the pezlozoz-**aace of oojr datjr aestgoeü to ktzo.**

(ÄOOA) EapMto how, RaBdeü Railway Engineer, organised most effectively the ruil-way eoiployds into a paid division for the armonred tmin, and a division for the 'Pown Gnard. Besmraged iDerzefioning,kospsb1 defenoe worka, protection for their women and children, &c., in a moat practieal manner. iiaa energy and 2'OBOnrcefulness were conspionoua tÄrooghooë the dege. The armoured irains, defeaco railwajr, aeas'cft light, &s., were zoade under hia superriaion.

Captain Sarah, Royal West Kent Beginnend, oomznandeë a aqnadron of the Protectorata Begimen\ with Berg good resuls. Be aso had oharge of the defence of the natire Stadt, .and diaplayed great tant and patienoe in hia -BQCCeasfnl zaaztegeaent of the aatiees.

Gaptetzz Yernoo, &ing*s **Royal Ri8e** Cozgs, waa a moab aiicoeesfnl O&eer in Command o:f a sqailron, and displayed the greatest gallantry in action. He was killed in action on S6th December.

Captain PitzClarence, Boyal Fusiliers, com-manded a squadron in the **Protectorate** Regi-zenen4. fte diatingniahed himself on numeroua oocasions during 4he fliege by hia personal gal-lantrjr and **exceptional** soldierly qnalties. 2fe wse *wioe moxgded. I Aave reported more B 6Ci&Tljr oa bie gooü worlc igt a aeparote letter.

Lieutenant flooal Captain) Lord G. Bentinck, 9th Lanoera, commanded a aquadron of the E'rotectorate Regiozeat, with werp good zeaattg. He did good Bewind by his zeil and readine8s in action.

The following Oifioers also did muoh good and uaeinl work:—

Captg.in &, Williams, British South Africg Police.

Captain Schofield, British South Atrica Polics.

Lieutenant Danielle, Bntiah South Africa> Police.

Lieutenant holden, Probectorate Regiment. Iäentenaitt Greenfield, Proteetorata Regi-ment.

Lieutenant Feltham, Protectorate Regi-ment.

GORpond oG*1 Li0oe0oBnG) CMT W, City Polioe, **did exceptionally good service** in com-ozend o(tbe Coñonial Oontngent to abcb be saccaade4 when Ceptaia Goodyeaz (mbo origi-nally raiaed the corpa) was aererely wonnded wkllle **gallant\y** eadiug btB aen.

Phofollowing org niBeit and oomuiaanded, with zao8t satisfatorg resztltla, tbe aatiye cattle guazds, watobzaezt, &c.:

(boca.1) Captain öfckenzie, Zalus, dc.

Br. D. Webster, Pingoes.

Gorporal (loeel Serjennt) Abrams, Cape Police Baralonga.

'These detaohmenta a.II did moat nsetnl and **loyal work at different times during the siege** ig Bplte of their psüyatiozts.

Town Gnard

@aor Ooold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G., Resident

'**Cowwiseoner of Abe PcMectonste**, comomodad the Towx> G>>rd duzng the Awf haM oE the Biege. Iliä eztensee knowledge of tke eoantrjr and people (bo4h native and whlte) W&B OK the **greatest** eriaë, aztü bis adeica was alwaar aoe8 willingly at my diapoaal. I ann greatly in-debted for the grea4 assistance he at all times afforded me. 'Phe fact that the natirea of the Protectorate remained loyal to us at a very cziGcal Hme is d*e in a great meaeure {o bie adviee and great personal inäenoe orar them.

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Mr. C. G. H. Bell, Resident bflagistrate and Ciril Commiaaioner, had **entire cha.rgo** ot natire a8airs, and he managed the chiefs with great tact, and very ancessafolly, at a critioal time, when bhey were inclined to sid on the Renee and see whioh was going to win, and were baing tempted with offers from the Boers. Aa magis-mate fle ciao zendered zoe great assistance during the siege.

Mr. F. M6iëeley, Major of Makeiog. Thie gentleman's eervioes were invalnable during tlte Siege. In o otost publio-spirited **zasooer** he look up, at my request, the diifionlt tasjc of arrangug for the feeding and houding of all the wonnen and children, and oarried out their management with marked auooeas throughout ðheeeiege, devoGxg himed(*o the taskwië6oot any return whatarer.

8 W8i8 m00h 8BBiB\$äd by Cfr. Rowlandb, who gave up his house, garden, water supply, &c., to be uaed bjr the laager, aimilarly without duw-ing any lriod of compensation or return.

'The Idee. IEC. W. II. &anJzea also reaüered valnable Service in asieting in the managment o:f tbe woaëa's laager, &c.

Mr. -fowat, Post and 2'elegraph Cluster, with his stift, nnaneljr—

Alesars. Campbell, isiaipaon, and bfcLeod did inraloable word in connecting up, and in keep-ing in communication with head-quartera the whole of the defence worka bar telephone. their dnties were nnceaaing, by night as well aB bjr day, and were frequently carried out nnder henry fire and al great persoztal risk. 'I'be seal, eaergp, and willingnesa displayed by these oäicers was most conapicuous throughout tbo aiege, and their work bad a large ahare in *bringing* about the succeasfnl iBsue of the aiege.

Mr. Efeal, the jailer, carried out moet ardnOZiB and diifcnlt du4iea moat loyalljf and ellicien4ly. In addition to ordinary prisonera, he had in hiB oharge militarjr oftendera, and also a large anmber Of Dutch anspects, 8pies, and Irish traitoro.

Efe wsa unfortuna4ely killed by a ahell, 12th &§, at bts poBt Izt the jail.

Sejeane SLeuarj Cape PoGce rendered valuable service aa head of the oiril polioe during the siege.

Mr. öfillar, head of the refngees' laager, dis-played much seal and did eaoellent work in the management of the rsfugeea' laager and de-fences, &c.

4. Non-commiasioned Otficera and hten.

Trooper (local iSerjeant-Major) Hodgsoni, Cape **Police, acted ae f2erjeaat-bLojor** to tfta Arzajr Service Gorp8, aztü waa of the gzeatest itelp to Gaptatzt Rjrjcn. @e proeed biioeeif to be a moat thoroughly reliable, sober, ond up-right men, meyer at hia work, and particularly active and zealons in ite performance.

Serjeant Cook, Bechnanaland Ri8es, specially reoommeodeë for clever eod plucky scooting, and tor gallantry in action (effe **aeparatp letter**).

Serjeant-Major Moffat, Signalling Staff, for

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of ection under hoary 6re. Alen for gnod wrnk
a signaller (•w : separate letter).

**Serjeant-Major Taylor, Colonial Contingent,
for gallantry and general
Brickfields, scouting, blowin
pied by the enemy, &c.**

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Conclusion.

I sholdl ilte to ndd that the conduct of the
**rank and file of the garrisons throughout the 31
weeks' siege, was beyond all praise. In all the**
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Chola eeaimunity was pervaded by a spirit of
**loyal endurance and cheery good feeling, under
which all the usual local and private differences
were sunk in the one great idea of maintaining
Her Majesty's supremacy to the end. With such
spirit to work on, the task of conducting the
defence was an easy one.**

R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL.

**From Major-General Baden-Powell, Command-
ing North-West Frontier Forces, to the Chief
Staff Officer to Field-Marshal Lord Roberts,**

fiia, Otto•koop, 6th I », 1800.

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All of whom did exmptionally goed termed.

**Captain FitzClarence, for personal gallantry,
recommended for the V.C.**

Captain Marsh, good service in action.

Captain Ashley-Williams, good service in

gnp.inn.

**Lieutenant Lord C. Bentinck, good service in
action.**

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for bgoapitnl ••rsioe•, win :-

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Lady Sarah Wilson.

Miss Craufurd.

**The latter also for attending wounded Boers
under fire on the 12th May.**

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**B. & 8. BADES-POWELL,
Major-General.**